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the panchayat area stating that the taxes are too heavy for them to pay and therefore these taxes should either be cancelled or reduced at least? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, the rates are fixed by the panchayat board itself. So the question of heaviness does not come in."

11-20 a.m. JANAB M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the Government propose to exempt distressed weavers and unemployed weavers from the payment of house-tax? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Wherever there is distress, I think deserving weavers are being exempted from the payment of house-tax."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" Will the Government at least exempt for one year those panchayats which are not willing to impose the house-tax on their inhabitants? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I think it is open to the legislature to do it."

Pudukkottai Land Mortgage Bank.

* 249 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state when the Pudukkottai Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank was formed in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The Pudukkottai Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank was registered on 11th April 1950 and started on 10th June 1950."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the governing body of the bank elected or nominated and if nominated, why? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" It is a nominated body, Sir."

Glass Bead Training Centres.

* 250 *Q.*—JANAB M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Glass Beads Training Centres are conducted by the Government in this State;

(*b*) how many students were trained at these centres centrewar each year ever since their inception;

(*c*) how many students are undergoing training at Kasargod centre during the current year; and

(*d*) what is the annual expenditure on each centre?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) Two Glass Bangles and Beads Training centres are being conducted by the Department of Industries and Commerce—one at Kalahasti (Chittoor district) and the other at Kasargod (South Kanara district).

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" (b) The number of artisans trained at the two Glass Bangles and Bead Training centres are—

Year. (1)	Kalahasti Centre (started in 1947–48). (2)	Kasaragod Centre (started in 1950–51). (3)
1947–48	14	..
1948–49	14	..
1949–50	15	..
1950–51	14	7
1951–52	15	12

" (c) At Kasaragod 12 candidates are now undergoing training.

" (d) The annual expenditure of each of the centres at Kalahasti and Kasaragod is Rs. 26,000."

JANAB M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the Government propose to give financial or other aids to trained students who intend starting glass beading industries independently? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" This institute is specifically intended to give training to students in glass beading industry. I do not know why the students need any separate financial aid."

SRI L. C. PAIS :—" How many of the trainees have been able to secure employment after training, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I want notice to give the exact figures, Sir."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" I want to know whether any Backward community students have been admitted to this training course? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I suppose there must have been some students from the backward communities also. If the hon. Member wants exact figures, I want notice to furnish the same."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" I want to know whether there is any truth in the recent report that the Kalahasti glass beading industry is to be shifted to some other place and may I know also whether it is not necessary that the special board which has been set up to look into the industrial needs of the Rayalaseema area should have been consulted in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" There is no proposal at present to shift the training centre, Sir."

Shifting of Bio-Chemist Research Laboratory from Kodur in Cuddapah district.

* 251 Q.—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to transfer a portion of the Bio-Chemist Research Laboratory attached to the Government Fruit Canning Factory from Kodur (Cuddapah district) to Madras City ;